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SUBJ: INTERIOR MINISTER FRAGA PUBLICLY CONDEMNS RIGHTIST
TERRORIST ACT

1. IN THE LAST FEW DAYS THERE HAVE BEEN NUMEROUS ATTACKS BY
RIGHTWING BULLY-BOYS AGAINST BOOKSTORES AND THE HEADQUARTERS
OF COMMUNITY ASSOCIATIONS IN BARCELONA. JANUARY 5 TWO MEN WERE
ARRESTED BY BARCELONA POLICE IN CONNECTION WITH THE ATTACKS.
THE SAME DAY MANUEL FRAGA IRIBARNE, MINISTER OF THE INTERIOR,
PUBLICLY CONDEMNED THE ATTACK ON THE HEADQUARTERS OF THE
ASSOCIATION OF RESIDENTS OF THE BARCELONA DISTRICT OF SAN
ANDRES. "I PUBLICLY CONDEMN THIS ATTACK AND I HAVE GIVEN THE
CORRESPONDING ORDERS," HE SAID IN A TELEGRAM TO THE
ASSOCIATION. IT WAS REPORTEDLY THE FIRST TIME SINCE THE CIVIL
WAR THAT A SPANISH GOVERNMENT MINISTER HAD PUBLICLY CONDEMNED
A TERRORIST ACT PRESUMED TO BE THE WORK OF THE RIGHT.

2. THIS ACTION BY FRAGA COMPLEMENTS THE RECENT STATEMENT BY PRIME
MINISTER ARIAS IN HIS INTERVIEW WITH NEWSWEEK MAGAZINE THAT THE
GOVERNMENT WOULD BRING TO HEEL ANY GROUP WHICH COMMITTED TERRORIST
ACTS. THIS WAS IN REPLY TO A QUESTION WHICH SPECIFICALLY
MENTIONED THE "GUERRILLEROS DEL CRISTO EL REY."
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